suggestions contained in my memorandum to Government of date 31-1-1120 as to the carrying out of certain immediate improvements to the Thovala Channel?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The Chief Engineer has been instructed to inspect the place and forward a report as early as possible.

Cement.

25 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether cement is being sold to the public at present; and

(*b*) if so, the agency through which the sale is conducted?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements for selling cement as early as possible?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: As soon as the supply is received, arrangements will be made for issue.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Is the price being controlled by Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Yes, from time to time.

Irrigation tanks in Thovala and Agasteeswaram Taluks.

26 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks; and

(*b*) the area under paddy cultivation in each?

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(*a*) Thovala taluk	390	
Agasteeswaram taluk	408	
(*b*) Thovala taluk	13,330	acres.
Agasteeswaram taluk	23,830	acres.

Piravom-Ramangalam road.

27 *MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Piravom-Ramangalam road was taken up by them; and

(*b*) what is the yearly maintenance allowed for this road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) In 1109 M. E.

(*b*) Rs. 20 per mile.

Pothanicad-Neduvacad Road.

28 *MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent so far on the Pothanicad-Neduvacad road;

(*b*) when the work was commenced by the Government;

(*c*) what is the delay in completing this work; and

(*d*) when the work is expected to be completed?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Rs. 2,841.

(*b*) Road work in 1117 and Bridge work in 1119 M. E.

(*c*) Due to some changes found necessary during execution in the alignment of the road and in the design of the bridge.

(*d*) Expected to be completed within a year.

Cross road in Muvattupuzha taluk from Pampakuda.

29. ***MR. K. M. PAUL:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the course of the central cross road in Muvattupuzha taluk from Pampakuda to the western frontier has been finally fixed;

(*b*) whether they intend bridging the Muvattupuzha river in the course of the above road; and

(*c*) if so, the site chosen for the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) There is no proposal to cut the central cross road from Pampakuda to the Western Frontier.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Village road passing through Payippara, Manary and Iramalloor.

30. ***MR. K. M. PAUL:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the people of Mulakoor, Eramalloor and Kothamangalam pakuthies regarding the village road passing through Payippara, Manary and Iramalloor karas, branching from the 134th mile of the M. C. road and joining the A. M. road at the 119th mile; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken so far?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Irrigation Works.

31 ***MR. K. M. PAUL:** Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount spent on irrigation works in the Muvattupuzha taluk for the year 1119 and the separate items under which these amounts have been spent?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Nagercoil Municipality.

32 ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vice-Chairman of the Nagercoil Municipality presented a petition to Government in September 1944 alleging grave irregularities against the then Municipal Commissioner of that Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was held on it and the result of that enquiry?

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